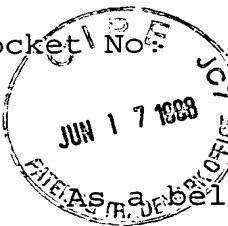


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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY, AND PETITION

As per below-named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention which is described and which is claimed in the specification, entitled: Illumination Key and Method of Manufacture Thereof.

The specification [] is attached hereto was filed on Jan 14, 1988 as Application Serial No. 09/006,763

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.¹

| COUNTRY | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE (Day, Month, Year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 |
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| Japan | 9-48573 | 18, 02, 1997 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No [] |
| Japan | 9-279321 | 29, 09, 1997 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No [] |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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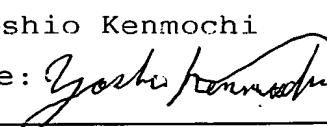
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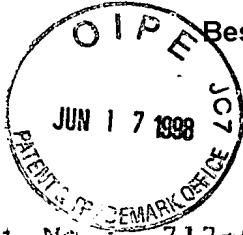
I hereby appoint my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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For: ILLUMINATION KEY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR § 1.9(c) AND § 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

An a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: ILLUMINATION KEY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF.

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I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any right in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge that duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.20(b))

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Date: June 12, 1998

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